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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

J. Leslie. R. Philip. M.B. Ch. B.

for the year

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

1940.

His Worship The Mayor.
(Alderman S.G. Tydeman J.P.).

Chairman. Councillor. C.C. Cowell.

Deputy Chairman. Councillor. E.C. Dines.

Alderman. A.L. Clarke.

Councillors.:-

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A. Bunting.
G.W. Free.
A. Gepp.
J.W. Gozzett.
J.J. Oliver.

OFFICERS.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

J. Leslie R. Philip. M.B. Ch. B.

Sanitary Inspector. E. McC. Taylor. Cert. S.I.B. M.S.I.A.
(Qualified Inspector of Meat and Other Foods).

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BOROUGH of MALDON.

To the Mayor, Alderman, Councillors and Burgesses of
the Borough of Maldon.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Interim Report
on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough
during the year 1940.

Despite the strain of war, the necessary restrictions in
diet, and the Black-out conditions in a Winter of except-
ional severity, no noticeable deterioration in the Health
of the community has occurred.

We have been free from any serious epidemic. The work of
the Public Health Department has as far as possible been
maintained, whilst meat inspection performed for the Min-
istry of Food has entailed a good deal of work for my
Sanitary Inspector, and I should like to pay tribute to
the willingness with which he has carried out this task.

In view of the striking results obtained by Diphtheria
Immunisation in this country and abroad, this procedure
was offered free to children of Pre and School age during
the year. The response was gratifying, and it is hoped that
in time that a large percentage of the children will be
immunised from this dread disease. A total of 695 children
of the Borough were immunised, whilst 52 child evacuees also
received the treatment.

The Civil Defence Services are now, on the whole, well manned,
and are efficient, though by great good fortune the organisation
in the Borough itself has not been put to the test. The
Military Service Acts, however, from time to time make calls
upon our personnel, and these vacancies at this stage are hard
to fill, and especially as regards Part-time personnel, where
there are still many deficiencies.

Certain personnel in the Borough have received training in
the protection of Foodstuffs against Poison Cases.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Members
of the Council and the Officials for the assistance given me
at all times.

I am, Mr Mayor and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

J. Leslie R. Philip,
Acting Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT

of the

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year
1940.

SECTION. A.

Statistics and Special Conditions of the Area.

Area. Land (Acres) as extended in April 1934.	5946.
Inland waters.	13.
Tidal Waters.	120.
Freshwater.	566.

Total.	6645.
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Population (Census 1931. Original Borough)	6559.
(R.G. Estimate 1940. Extended Borough)	9023.
Number of Inhabited Houses.	2739.
Number of Families or separate Occupiers.	2824.
Rateable Value. unreduced.	£55,391.
" " reduced.	£50,257.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£ 195.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the year.

<u>Births.</u>	Total.	Males.	Females.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of Population.
Legitimate.	37.	44.	43.	
Illegitimate.	4.	2.	2.	10.08.
Total.	91.	46.	45.	

<u>Still- Births.</u>	Total.	Males.	Females.	Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births.
Legitimate.	2.	0.	2.	
Illegitimate.	0.	0.	0.	
Total.	2.	0.	2.	21.5.

<u>Deaths.</u>	Total.	Males.	Females.	Death Rate per 1,000 of Population.
	132.	76.	56.	
				14.6.
				"Comparable". 11.97.



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Deaths from Puerperal Causes.	Nil.
Death Rate of Infants under One year of Age.:-	
All infants per 1,000 live Births.	87.9.
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	91.9.
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births.	Nil.
Deaths from Cancer (All Ages).	23.
Deaths from Measles (All ages.).	0.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages).	0.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under 2 yrs of age).	1.

Deaths classified by Ages.

Under 1 year.	8.
1 and under 2.	0.
2 and under 5.	2.
5 and under 15.	1.
15 and under 25.	3.
25 and under 35.	3.
35 and under 45.	3.
45 and under 55.	1.
55 and under 65.	19.
65 and under 75.	46.
75 and upwards.	42.
Total.	② 130.

② This is 2 less than given by the Registrar General.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. Water. The Borough, with the exception of a few outlying portions, is served by a piped supply which is in the hands of the Corporation. Routine chemical and bacteriological examinations of the waters are carried out. The results of these analyses during the year have been very satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The following inspections and visits have been carried out during the year:-

Housing Inspections.	106.
Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops.	114.
Infectious Diseases.	17.
Slaughterhouses.	1016.
Nuisances.	41.
Water Supply.	10.
Rats and Mice Destruction Act	6.
Inspection of Prepared Food Premises.	20.
Bakehouses.	58.
Common Lodging Houses.	8.
Shops Acts.	12.
Visits re Public Health Acts.	62.
" re P.H. Meat Regulations.	26.
Miscellaneous visits.	105.

The Bakehouses and Prepared Food Premises were kept in a cleanly state throughout the year which showed much credit to the occupiers especially under the trying conditions of war with shortage of man power.

The Factories and Workshops were found to be generally well provided for in respect of closet accommodation, lighting, etc; but due to the Black out, it is often found that the ventilation leaves something to be desired.

SECTION. F.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk. The Farms, Dairies, and Milkshops are regularly inspected to see that the provisions of the Milk and Dairies Orders are being observed. Generally speaking a high standard of cleanliness was observed on these premises. Samples are taken for examination by the Methylene Blue Reduction Test.

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods.

The inspection of meat is carried out in accordance with the Memorandum on Meat Inspection issued by the Ministry of Health by a Qualified Inspector of Meat and Other Foods. Since the beginning of the scheme of the Ministry of Food for centralised slaughtering, two slaughterhouses are in use which supply the needs of the Borough and surrounding areas.

SECTION. F.

Infectious Diseases.

The number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during year was not large.

Anti-toxin is used promptly in all suspected cases of Diphtheria by the Medical Practitioners in the Borough, and supplies are available at the Municipal Offices and the Heybridge Isolation Hospital.

Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis)
during 1940.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>No. of Cases.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Enteric Fever.	0.	0.
Scarlet Fever.	3.	0.
Whooping Cough.	1.	0.
Diphtheria.	0.	0.
Erysipelas.	0.	0.
Small Pox.	0.	0.
Measles.	3.	0.
Pneumonia.	7.	2.
Puerperal Pyæmia.	0.	0.
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	2.	0.
Totals.	18.	2.

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